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Dear Council members,

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I am writing in support of Bill 10 to ban single-use plastic bags.

This action has proven to be very effective in reducing plastic debris in the environment and reducing the load in the waste stream. It is no great hardship to shoppers and poses no new "tax" on their purchases. Allow less than one year for the ban to take effect, as most large supermarkets can make adjustments in 3-6 months time to get rid of existing inventory. They have already done this for their stores on the other islands. They want consistency in regulations throughout Hawaii. This is a great bill, proven to work on Maui and Kauai. Please pass Bill 10.

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